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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)

| ~- | Case No. | | ASSIFICATION OF | PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER | | |
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| | 9974/56 (BH2090.P2) | CLASS unknown | SUBCLASS unknown | unknown | 2768 | |

Address to:

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

This is a request for filing a ⊠ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1), of pending prior application number <u>09/515,860</u>, filed on <u>February 29, 2000</u>, entitled <u>ELECTRONIC COMMERCE TRANSACTIONS</u> WITHIN A MARKETING SYSTEM THAT MAY CONTAIN A MEMBERSHIP BUYING OPPORTUNITY.

- 1. Copy Of the Prior application, including <u>44</u> sheets of drawings, <u>198</u> pages of Application (including title page), and the following Appendices <u>n/a</u>.
- 2. Copy of the Declaration filed in the Prior application.
- 3. X PTO Form 1449 and Information Disclosure Statement.

| CLAIMS | (1) FOR | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE | (5) CALCULATIONS | |
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| | TOTAL CLAIMS | | | | \$360 | |
| | (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | 40 - 20 = | 20 | x \$ 18 = | \$500 | |
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| | (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | 4 - 3 = | 1 | x \$ 80 = | \$80 | |
| 1987) - 1987 2017 - 1997 - 1997 | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT | CLAIMS (if applicable) | (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | + \$270 = | \$ | |
| | BASIC FEE (37 CEP 1 16(0)) | | | | | |
| | | .16(a)) | \$ 710 | | | |
| 5 8 | tions = | \$1150 | | | | |
| | Reduction by 50% for filing | by small entity (Note 3 | CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) | | \$ | |
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4. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27

is enclosed.

was filed in prior application number _____ and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).

- 5. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- 6. Enclosed is a check for \$ 1150 to cover the filing fees.
- 7. Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application and otherwise enter the attached preliminary amendment before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
- 8. The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is(are): Thomas D. Paasche, William S. Kerker.
- 9. X This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: <u>Daniel A. ARGANBRIGHT</u>, <u>Dave BAMBOROUGH</u>, <u>Randy S. BANCINO</u>, <u>James G. BLODGETT</u>, <u>Bruce H. CARLSON</u>, <u>William DANGL</u>, <u>William HAZARD</u>, <u>Robin HORDER-KOOP</u>, <u>Jim HUNKING</u>, <u>Aaron M. KAMPHUIS</u>, <u>Gregory J. LANG</u>, <u>Gary A</u>.

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- 10. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a ⊠ continuation ☐ division of application number <u>09/515,860</u>, filed <u>February 29, 2000</u>, (pending) the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."
- 11. New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 12. Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

The certified copy has been filed in prior application number _____, filed

- 13. 🛛 A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Amway Corporation, Ada, MI.
- 15. 📋 Also enclosed: ____
- 16. If The power of attorney in the prior application is to: James L. Katz and other attorneys at the firm of BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE.
 - a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - c. Address all future correspondence to: (may only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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